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Transmitted herewith for filing is the continuing patent application of:

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For: LAYER-THICKNESS DETECTION METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR WAFERS  
AND THE LIKE, AND POLISHING APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 55 pages of specification, 11 pages of claims, and an abstract as filed in Parent Application No. 09/316,082.
- ☒ 10 sheet(s) of formal drawings.
- ☒ 3 pages of an Oath or Declaration.
- ☒ A copy of oath or declaration filed with the prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63.(d))
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☒ Form PTO-1449 (copies of documents listed thereon are in the PTO file on the Parent Application No. 09/316,082).
- Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) were provided in Parent Application No. 09/316,082.

Continuing Application:

- ☐ Continuation
- ☒ Divisional
- ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

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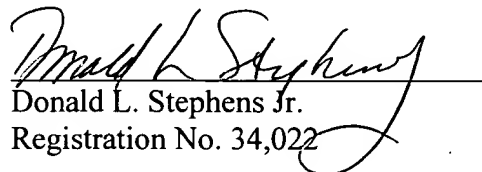
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